

Amendments To The Specification:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

A bone fixing device (10) for fixing bone pieces together. ~~The bone fixing device together~~ has a pair of spaced apart fixing portions (12), each having at least one hole (14) dimensioned such that a bone screw can extend there through; and a pair of substantially rigid connecting members (18) extending between the fixing portions, the connecting members being deformable without substantially losing rigidity. In use, each fixing portion is fixed to one or more of the bone pieces by a respective one of the bone screws such that the connecting members extend across one or more fissures between the bone pieces. The connecting members are simultaneously deformed such that the fissures are closed with the bone pieces held in compression.